



THE MISSION DISTRICT 3 NEWSLETTER

Keeping the Community
Connected and Informed

Winter 2014

Several residents gathered to offer input on the new Senior Center to be built at South Side Lions Park.



District 3 was awarded 3rd Place in the City-wide Graffiti Wipeout.

Upcoming Events

[Sun, March 30] Síclovía - New Route Through District 3

[Sat, April 5] Coffee with Councilwoman (details to be announced)



A Message From Councilwoman Viagran

I hope the new year has gotten off to a great start for you and your family. My staff and I have been hard at work since we returned from the holidays, doing all we can to tackle issues facing our area neighborhoods and promoting District 3.

In this edition of THE MISSION, I wanted to bring your attention to some of the exciting upcoming events taking place in the district, as well as highlight some of the work we have been doing to improve the quality of life for our families.

As always, we continue to rely on you to keep us informed on what issues are developing in your neighborhood. I am asking that you partner with your neighbors and join or start a neighborhood association in your area. Call my office at 207-0969 and we can provide you with information about neighborhood associations near you or help you get one off the ground. And don't forget, if you see a stray animal or encounter a pothole on the road, please call 3-1-1 and report the problem. Working together we are keeping District 3 safe, vibrant and prosperous.

I thank you for this opportunity to serve,

Councilwoman Rebecca J. Viagran

Press Conference Highlights VITA Kick-Off

Serving as Mayor Pro-Tem, Councilwoman delivered the welcome speech and spoke with the media. (More on page 2)

District 3 Seniors Celebrate the Holiday Season!

The year 2013 ended in a grand celebration with food and music for Seniors who take part in nutrition programs across District 3.



District 3 Fall 5K Fun Run

Families took advantage of a FREE fun run held on the campus of Brooks City Base. Mark your calendar for 2014.



Kingsborough Park Gets a Fresh Coat of Paint

Servicemen and women from Randolph AFB volunteered and painted park benches and cleaned to make the park even more enjoyable.



VITA Offers FREE Tax Preparations for SA Families

The City of San Antonio has partnered with the United Way and Catholic Charities to bring the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) to working families throughout the entire city. At the kick-off event, Councilwoman Viagran served as Mayor Pro-Tem and announced that families earning less than \$60K per year are eligible for the FREE tax preparation service.

To learn more about eligibility requirements and programs such as SaveUSA or other information on VITA call 2-1-1 or visit www.vitasa.org.

SOUTH SIDE LOCATIONS:

Mission Library

3134 Roosevelt Ave.

M: 10 am - 5 pm

TH: 12 pm - 7 pm

F, SAT, SUN: 10 am - 5 pm

Palo Alto College

1400 W. Villaret

M, TU, W, TH: 1 pm - 8 pm

SAT: 9 am - 3 pm

Presa Community Center

3721 S. Presa St.

M, TU, W, TH: 1 pm - 8 pm

SAT: 8 am - 2 pm

SaveUSA
site

Sícolvia Spring Event Rerouted into District 3



Sícolvia is a free event that temporarily turns the streets of San Antonio into a car-free zone. Families are invited to run, ride bikes, and take exercise classes along the route. This spring, for the first time, Sícolvia will finish in District 3 at Mission Concepción.

Make plans to bring your entire family for this community event.

The spring event will take place on Sunday, March 30th, 11 am - 4 pm,

Sícolvia will begin at the intersection of South St. Mary's Street and East Cesar E. Chavez Boulevard, and travel south along East Mitchell Street and Mission Road to Mission Concepción, for a total of about 2.5 miles.



2012-2017 Bond Projects Status Update

Ashley Road Bridge: Under Design

Belford Area Drainage: Under Design

Goliad Rd Drainage (SE Military Dr. to Loop 410): Out to Bid

Greater Mission Recreational Facility: Exploring Public/Private Partnership

Highland Park: Construction Underway, Completion Expected by May 2014

Stinson Park: Under Construction, Completion Expected by March 2014

Pytel Park: Design Development Phase

Public Input Meetings have occurred and currently in Design:

- Espada Road (Loop 410 to East Ashley Road)
- W. Vestal Place (Commercial Ave to Pleasanton Rd)
- Southside Lions Park
- Jim Mattox Park
- Pickwell Park

City Council District 3 Legacy Leadership Initiative Blazing a Trail

The inaugural class of the District 3 Legacy Leadership Initiative (D3LLI) is set to receive their certificates of completion in April. The group has met monthly for the past 7 months to learn how to develop and improve their leadership skills and to be an active voice in their community. The group consists of about 15 high school students who reside in District 3 and come from a variety of schools and backgrounds. The program has been featured in several of the local newspapers and is setting a standard for leadership development in the city.

Safety Tips for Seniors During Tax Season

Tax season can also be open season for scam artists and thieves. The Federal Government reports that schemes peak during filing season as people prepare their tax returns. Seniors and the elderly are often the target of these individuals. Remember, never give your Social Security to anyone via e-mail. The IRS does not initiate contact with taxpayers by e-mail to request personal or financial information. For questions, call the IRS at (800) 829-1040.

Sidewalks, Streets and Infrastructure Improvements are Priority One

Since Councilwoman Viagran took office she has made sidewalks, streets and infrastructure improvements a major priority. The Councilwoman is asking for residents to come together and prepare an infrastructure inventory of their neighborhoods. Please submit these inventory lists to our field office or you can e-mail them to district3@sanantonio.gov



D3LLI Meet & Greet

Mayor Castro stopped in at the D3 Legacy Leadership Initiative reception. The event gave students an opportunity to network with SA's community leaders.



Coffee with the Councilwoman

In December, the D3 Office partnered with Cong. Lloyd Doggett at the Bill Miller's on Goliad to bring an informative Coffee event. More Coffee events are coming soon throughout the district.



MLK March Sets Records

This year's march served as a great tribute to the legacy and dream of Martin Luther King.



*Sidewalk improvements made along
S.E. Military near S. Presa*

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**To learn more about
city sponsored events
in your neighborhood,
visit www.sanantonio.gov**

Be a Responsible Owner, Spay and Neuter Your Pet!



Although it does not feel like it, spring is just about here. That means an influx of unplanned puppies and kittens. District 3 faces more challenges than other areas when it comes to stray animals. We have all seen packs of stray dogs wandering our neighborhoods as well as countless feral cats.

Councilwoman Viagran is committed to working with you all on a comprehensive plan to tackle the problem of stray animals in our district. Soon there will be news about a Big Fix Event to take place in D3. In the meantime, help spread the word about spay/neuter assistance programs that are available NOW.

Anyone residing in any of the zip codes listed below is eligible for FREE spay/neuter services for their pet. Just call one of the participating organizations (listed on the right) and make your pet's appointment.

ZIP CODES Eligible for FREE Spay/Neuter in District 3

78204	78210	78214
78221	78222	78223

Spay SA
5357 West Commerce
351-7729

SA Humane Society
4804 Fredericksburg
226-7461

Animal Defense League
11300 Nacogdoches
655-1481

SNIPSA
(on-site MASH clinics)
237-9400



'SAN ANTONIO 311'
mobile app
now available!

If you need to report a non-emergency problem in your neighborhood, such as a stray animal, graffiti, potholes, or a broken street light, you can call 3-1-1 or use the new mobile app for your smartphone. It is available for download at www.sanantonio.gov.